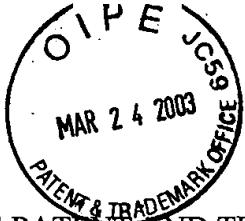


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Examiner: Delma R. Flores Ruiz
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- [X] Amendment and Response to Office Action (dated November 5, 2002) (5 pgs);
- [X] Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time; (1pg)
- [X] Check No. 15864 in the amount of \$410.00; and
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A dust repelling unit to be placed in a gas laser unit in front of a laser optical element, comprising:

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a high-voltage duct comprising a high-voltage conducting core having a first end and a second end and an insulator element disposed around the core, the first end of the core being connectable to a high voltage power supply; and

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a closed wire loop electrically connected to the second end of the high-voltage core.

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